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COMMENTARY

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Commander's Corner

Col. Stayce D. Harris
Commander
459th Air Refueling Wing



The 'AR' in STAR performance

Imagine sitting in the base theater with a slide that pops up on the big screen that reads, "459th Air Refueling Wing overall grade "Excellent," followed by 459th ARW and 89th

Airlift Wing members jumping out of their seats shouting "Whoo Hoo!" That was the scene on August 10 when the Air Mobility Command IG Team came to outbrief us on the results of our Initial Response inspection.

You all truly delivered a STAR (Success is our Team Achieving Readiness) performance and demonstrated that we are indeed "achieving readiness." Everyone performed as a team striving for success.

Likewise, our 89th AW partners were graded "Excellent" for the Initial Response portion of their Operational Readiness Inspection also. Many congrats to Team Andrews!

Every single organization in the wing delivered "fuel to the fight!" We generated seven aircraft flawlessly, processed more than 300 personnel and 60 short tons of cargo ... safely!

You mastered the keys to success. You kept a positive attitude, communicated with each other, performed safely and got the job done right! Now take a special moment to thank your unit deployment managers, the 459th Logistics Readiness Flight, the Plans Shop

and the IR team for the countless hours, days and months they spent preparing our wing for the inspection. They all deserve a great round of applause and we will celebrate during our commander's call in September!

Do your UDM's a great favor by ensuring your mobility folders are kept current and 100 percent correct. Remember your folder tells "your story" and it must be flawless.

Our reality is, "freedom is just one generation away from extinction," and it's our charge to ensure our nation's freedom. All ancillary training (law of armed conflict, self-aid and buddy care, weapons training, chemical warfare, etc.) is critical and ensures you are combat ready and able to perform your trained skills in a combat environment. Take them seriously. Your life and that of those around



Master Sgt. Cathy Gray, 459th LRF, accepts the exceptional performer IG coin at the base theater Aug. 10 from Col. Steven King, IG Team Chief, for her superb efforts during the IR inspection. (Photo by MSgt. Shayne Sewell)

you depend on it! Looking forward, the best is yet to come. The AEF deployment in the fall will demonstrate our commitment to serving our country while abroad. It will be a great opportunity for us to teambuild while deployed.

Next, we'll have a flyaway in June in preparation for our Operational Readiness Inspection with some fun events planned in between to enhance our combat readiness skills. During the spring of 2007, we will have the ORI and we will be ready! Thank you all. I'm so proud to serve with you. Combat ready, fuel to the fight, the 459th delivers excellence!

Setting personal goals is the key to personal success

By Maj. Will Mosier

459th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Some people think that if you are born into a family with a lot of money, success comes easy, and if you're not, no amount of planning will overcome financial limitations. However, this is not always the case. Having a successful life does not have to be limited to being lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time.

It is true that you can experience disappointment if you make plans based on false hopes. In fact, the key to goal attainment is to making plans based on realistic goals. However, no one but you can determine which goals are realistic and which ones might not be right for you.

The bottom-line is: "He who hopes for nothing gets nothing". The only way to get what you want out of life is to "go for it." The most efficient way to get what you want out of life is to have a plan. It all boils down to one thing: Goal setting helps your plans become reality.

A goal is a target toward which efforts should be aiming. To be useful, a goal must be measurable and very specific. A goal serves as a tool to facilitate your hopes and dreams becoming reality. Although goals are targets for the future, they must be worked on in the present or they will never become reality.

A study of Harvard University graduates revealed that eight out of ten students had no set goals for their lives. Of the two students who actually had identifiable personal goals, one had written down his goals while the other had only organized them in his head. A ten-year follow-up study revealed that the one student who had goals that were mentally organized earned three times the income of the students with no set goals. What is even more striking is that the one student out of ten who had established his personal goals and then took the extra step to write them down was earning *ten* times the income of the students without goals.

The take-home message is not that making a lot of money is the best measure of success. This is only an example of how learning to write clear and measurable goals can lead to achieving personal success no matter what odds might seem to be against you. The critical factor is not making money

your objective. Rather, the most important factor is to choose a goal and then write it down!

Don't confuse goals with expectations. Expectation implies waiting for something to happen. Expectations are future focused and remain in the future. Having "Great Expectations" for your life is a good thing, but just expecting something to happen will not make it so. For your expectations to become a reality you must develop goals that stem from your expectations. Once you have established attainable goals you need to devise an action plan that will make your goals a reality.

Expecting to receive what you want from life, just because you think you deserve it will not get you what you want. Waiting for things to come to you will only lead to resentment if you don't get them handed to you. Getting what you want out of life is a matter of making it happen. The steps to getting what you want out of life are:

1. Deciding what it is you want.
2. Having a well-organized plan for how you are going to get it.
3. Writing down the plan in vivid detail.

Few people seem to understand the value of utilizing a systematic approach to goal setting and goal attainment. Even though research clearly substantiates that taking the extra effort to have written goals is effective; most people don't get around to doing it. Learning how to set goals and develop an action plan for goal attainment is as important as breathing, eating and sleeping. It is true that without well-organized goals you won't die. However, you may miss out on the happiness that can come from fulfilling your hopes and living your dream.

People who do not organize their lives around goals, tend to spend their lives running into one problem after another; instead of moving from one opportunity to another. Planning your life through goal setting can help you to uncover opportunities and overcome challenges that can lead to achieving your goals.

Some people say they are too busy to set goals. Some avoid setting goals so that they won't be disappointed if their goals aren't met. Others don't plan their lives because they are not sure what it is they really want. Life is full of choices. Making excuses won't bring you the life you want. You can either

design your life the way you want it to be or allow your life to be controlled by events and circumstances. The choice is totally up to you.

On the cover



(Top left) Active-duty members from the 89th Airlift Wing and 459th Air Refueling Wing members greet the IG Team in August. (Top right) Staff Sgt. Brian Russell, 171st Aerial Port Flight, Air National Guard, helps 69 APS member, Master Sgt. Bill Gray, load the IG team's luggage onto a KC-135. Tech. Sgt. Daril Anthes, instructor boom operator, 756 ARS, processes through the mobility warehouse during the IR inspection. (Center) Col. Stayce Harris, 459 ARW commander, cheers on stage in the fuel cell after reading the inspector's comments during a post IR inspection briefing. (Bottom right) Col. Robert Maddox, 459th Operations Group commander, greets IG team inspectors upon their arrival to Andrews Air Force Base. (Bottom Right) Staff Sgt. Latoya Ewing, 89 MSS, collects and organizes mobility folder paperwork in the briefing area of the mobility processing line. (Photos by Capt. Patrick Maloney, SSgt. Chris Matthews and MSgt. Shayne Sewell).

Aeromedical technician wins best in Air Force Reserve

By Capt. Nikki Credic
Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. John Wallace, an aerospace medical technician with the 459th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron hit the ground running when he enlisted into the Air Force Reserve in July 2002. A former Marine, he came in ready to learn a new career and work hard. Little did he know his “never quit” work ethic would be recognized by his unit and earn him the Air Force Reserve Command’s 2004 Outstanding Reserve Airman assigned to an Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Award. “I had no idea I was put in for this award,” he said.

Wallace explained he was checking his mail at his unit when he ran across a congratulatory letter from Air Force Reserve Command.

“I went to my supervisor Senior Master Sgt. Linda Powe and asked her what this [the letter] was, and she said, ‘Oh, it looks like you won exactly what it says in the letter.’”

Other letters followed, and he finally let the accomplishment sink in.

Senior Master Sgt. Powe, 459th AES administration superintendent, explained that he is, “a disciplined and determined Airman with lots of drive.”

Wallace said he feels great about receiving the award but admits the spotlight is a little challenging.

“Professionally, I feel as though I have to make sure everything about me has to meet the part of an ‘outstanding Airman.’ So I make sure my uniform is squared away and my boots are shined,” he said. “When people see me, I’m hoping they’re saying, ‘Of course he got it, or of course he deserved it.’”

On a personal level, Wallace explained that the award has given him a new sense of self and what his potential is.

“I was prior service in the Marine Corps, and my last year in the Marine Corps wasn’t the greatest. It was a big let down and personally I felt like I deserved everything I had gone through in the Marine Corps,” he said. “But when I got into the Air Force, it showed me that I was a great Marine.”

Wallace explained that being an aerospace medical technician in the Reserve is like an award in itself. “I love working with people, and I love taking care of people,” he said. “You put in a lot of hours, and there is a lot of training which can be stressful, but our job is very rewarding.”

Wallace said that an ultimate career reward came when he participated in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a member of the medical crews charged with flying wounded troops from Andrews Air

Force Base, when they came from Germany, to other stateside military medical facilities.

“When you’re doing those flights and the



Staff Sgt. John Wallace checks the functions on a complete acute cardiac care response system. (Photo by Capt. Nikki Credic.)



SSgt. John Wallace (Photo by Capt. Nikki Credic)

patients are there, they’re immobilized. They can’t do a lot for themselves. But when they can smell the cookies or hotdogs being cooked on the plane, you know you are making them feel good and you’re bringing them home from a nightmare,” he said.

According to Wallace, the on-the-job training during these flights was priceless. “You’re put on a crew where you may not know everybody,” he explained. “So you really learn your job quickly and you figure out how others with experience ranging from five to twenty years do their job from different bases.”

For those looking to earn an award or receive recognition for a job well done, Wallace modestly said to always be involved. “Always be involved in your unit and in your community; always volunteer and make yourself known,” he said. Senior Master Sgt. Powe agreed.

“My advice is to be earnest and sincere about your duties and career. Complete CDCs on time and be proactive,” she said. “Ask your supervisor ‘what are some things that I could do to help the unit?’ This shows initiative.”

Security Forces participates in Patriot Partner training in Arkansas

By Staff Sgt. Susan Mayer
459th Security Forces Squadron

Ever wonder what the 459th Security Forces Squadron does to keep up with its training and what the requirements are?

The Security Forces regulation mandates sustainment training every three years to keep members in line with the latest tactics, techniques, and procedures. This training allows geographically separated combat and non-combat support elements to rapidly merge at deployed sites to function as a cohesive team. From the newest member to the most seasoned member with 20 years experience, sustainment training is required.

At an Army base in Arkansas, security forces members are charged with providing protection to the base, its resources, and personnel.

The 459th Security Forces specialize in air base defense – their mission is to ensure the aircraft are protected at deployed environments as well as the people who fly and support them. Security Forces is the closest thing to

infantry as it gets for the Air Force.

During sustainment training, members receive training on building searches, operating in hazardous environments, patrolling, field communications, employing claymore mines, map and compass, and numerous

other topics and practical evolutions. This training is physically intensive!

Your security forces members are consistently leading the way and knocking the boots off other Air Force Reserve Command units.



Security Forces members who attended the training include TSgt. Richard Brown, TSgt. Micah Jones, TSgt. Herbert Kinion, and TSgt. Duane Fowler. SSgt. Brian White, SSgt. Ronald Bond, SSgt. Nicole Baird, SrA Jonathan Vaccarelli, SrA Matthew Barr, SrA Cory Hoffman, SrA Sara Swenson, SrA Young Yu, and AIC Michael Glass. (Photos by SSgt. Nicole Baird, 459 SFS).

During this training, the Patriot Protector cadre lauded the 459th for their overwhelming motivation, morale, and demonstration of applied tactics, techniques and procedures.

The 459th Security Forces Squadron is making a name in the AFRC security forces community. Your cops are the best out there – congratulate them the next time you see them.

One of the highlights of the two-week event was placing first for the completion of the map and compass course with a record completion of two hours. That shows outstanding teamwork!

“As the team leader, I was impressed with the dedication and professionalism with the team put together from Andrews. As a newly formed team with various levels of experience, the most important aspect was how we all came together as one cohesive unit.

This allowed us to successfully meet, and in most cases, exceed the objectives. Throughout the course, team Andrews set the standard of motivation and esprit d’corps,” said Tech. Sgt. Richard Brown, 459 SFS.



(Front) Airman First Class Michael Glass, 459 SFS, “moves ahead” in between obstacles during an obstacle course exercise with other security forces members from other units during Patriot Protector.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Brown, 459 SFS, performs a “360 degree security,” (sets up a perimeter), during an obstacle course exercise.





Master Sgt Diana L. Dalto, 459th Civil Engineering Squadron, is deployed to a forward location and is performing her duties as a first sergeant. She has been deployed for four months and will be returning at the end of the month. (Courtesy photo).



Senior Airman Mike O'Brien, 69th Aerial Port Squadron, poses for a photo prior to preparing for armed escort training in Southwest Asia. He has been deployed for four months. (Courtesy photo).



Chief Master Sgt. David J. Richards, 459 SFS, was honored at a formal ceremony at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. Col James B. Brown, U.S. Army, commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade presented the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron with the combat patch.

Chief Richards has been deployed since March as the security forces manager and has been directly supporting detainee movements and detainee operations in addition to providing for the defense of Sather Air Base, Iraq.

The 18th Military Police Brigade is the most highly decorated military police unit in the United States Army. Traditionally, members of a U.S. Army combat unit wear the unit patch on the right shoulder instead of the left to signify their combat service. Combat detachments to a unit serving in combat can also be authorized wear of the supported unit combat patch.

Air Force members who serve in combat with an Army unit and are awarded the combat patch may wear the patch on the right shoulder of the BDU only when aligned with and supporting the U.S. Army. (Courtesy photo).

FLIGHTLINE

Question: How do you keep yourself cool in the summer heat?



Master Sgt. Arthur Whitaker, 459 MXG
"I drink a lot of water and take my time doing my job."



Staff Sgt. Ken Clonts, 756 ARS
"It's always 70 degrees inside the casino."



Staff Sgt. Tracie McNamara, 459 CES
"I stay inside and play video games with my kids."



Staff Sgt. Linda Johnston, 459 MSF
"I like to bowl all year round, but I bowl more in the summer."



Master. Sgt. Keith Brown, 459 MXS
"I stay indoors as much as possible and drink a lot of water."

Boating safety: you're in command

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Kanehl
459th Safety Office

Nothing beats boating as a way to relax, have fun, enjoy the water and bring friends and family together. That's why it's so tragic when a recreational boating outing — hunting, angling, paddling, or just cruising — ends with an accident.

On average, two boaters are killed every day on America's waterways — more than 700 per year. Thousands of others are injured. Waterways are second only to highways as the scene of accidental deaths.

Too often these accidents happen when otherwise responsible, conscientious people make the serious mistake of assuming that their experience or equipment is enough to keep them and their passengers safe.

As a boat owner or operator, you are responsible for your safety, the safety of your passengers and other boaters. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard reminds you, "You're in command. Boat responsibly!"

Always wear your life jacket

Accidents can happen without warning. There's rarely time to reach stowed life jackets. It's estimated that approximately 86 per-

cent of the recreational boaters that drowned were not wearing their life jacket. Overall, approximately 416 lives could have been saved if boaters had worn their life jackets.

That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that boaters always wear a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket when on the water. The latest life jackets come in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes — even inflatable models. So there's no excuse not to wear one while boating.

Never boat under the influence

The sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion common to the marine environment intensify the effect of alcohol, drugs and even some prescription medications. These stressors can cause fatigue and dramatically affect judgment, balance, coordination and reaction time.

Approximately one-third of fatal boating accidents involve boating under the influence. The U.S. Coast Guard and local law enforcement officials enforce state and federal boating under the influence laws. Penalties can include possible monetary fines and/or imprisonment. Boaters also need to be aware that marine stressors can intensify the adverse side effects of medications for blood pressure and other conditions. Check with your physician for additional information.

Take a boating safety course

From boat handling to weather... from navigation to the rules of the road ... educated boaters are safe boaters. Approximately 80 percent of all boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had never taken a safe boating course.

Get a Vessel Safety Check

The vessel safety check is a free stem-to-stern inspection of your boat by a qualified member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or United States Power Squadrons. It's the best way to learn about potential problems that might put you in violation of state or federal laws, or worse, create possible danger for you or your passengers on the water.

Carbon monoxide can harm you

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very short exposure to high concentrations can kill you. Sources of carbon monoxide on a boat may include engines, gas generators, cooking ranges, space and water heaters. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness. It is often confused with seasickness or intoxication, so those affected may not receive needed medical attention.

ART Spotlight

Job Title:

Maintenance operations
flight superintendent (459
MOF).

Duties: Make the work environment
of those working in my flight as easy
as possible while staying out of their
way and letting them do their excel-
lent work.

**Length of employment with the
459th ARW:** 19 years



Senior Master Sgt. John Hubbell

Something people we may not know about you?

I've been a "gear head" most
of my life. I recently fulfilled a
boyhood dream by building a
replica of a 1965 Ford Cobra.
It's a ton of fun and the group
of people it brings me into
contact with is just fantastic.
I've made some great friends
just because of a car; most of
them through the Capital area
Cobra Club. I also paint and
enjoy traveling with my wife of
14 years, Tina.

Faces and places of the In

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Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell, 459th ARW Public Affairs

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Initial Response Inspection



All 459th members may sign up now for annual 756th reunion

All 459th Air Refueling Wing members may attend the 756th Squadron Association Annual Reunion at Embassy Suites Hotel, Dulles North, Sept. 29 and 30, and Oct 1.

Complete the registration form and enclose a check for \$99.00. That covers three days of food and beverages, tax and service charges for the two receptions and dinners, and fun in the Hospitality Suite.

On Thursday evening, Sept 29, a buffet dinner will be served with several entrees to choose from.

On Saturday evening, Oct 1, seated plate dinner will be served (Crispy grilled seared salmon, or rosemary rubbed roasted prime rib of beef).

If you choose to commute each day and not register with the hotel, you still need to register on the form below and pay the \$99 fee.

If you wish to reserve for only one dinner, enclose \$45 and indicate which dinner event you will be attending.

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) James E Sherrard III is the guest speaker on Saturday evening, October 1.



Sherrard

An optional tour will be available all day Saturday, Sept. 30, of the nation's capital monuments, museums, and Arlington National Cemetery. Please add \$20 per person on your registration fee if you wish to participate. There is a sliding scale of \$5 to \$10 per person at the Flying Circus, so circle the number in your party to get a full count before we are told the group rate that we'll need to pay at the gate.

Please reserve before Sept. 1 at Embassy Suites: \$79 per day. Call 1-800-Embassy, (1-800-362-2779)

For this low rate, identify yourself affiliated with the 459th ARW and 756th Squadron Association.

Registration for (1) (2) for 756th Squadron Association, 459th Reunion, September 29,30, and Oct 1, 2005

Name _____

Address _____

Oct 1 Dinner Entree _____

Name _____

Oct 1 Dinner Entree _____

I enclosed check, payable to the 756th Squadron Association- \$99.00 per person \$ _____

Entrees: Crispy Grilled Seared Salmon or Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

I plan to enjoy The Flying Circus tour group on Sunday, Oct. 2. Please reserve 1 2 3 tickets

Questions? Call (703) 536-6022

One Year Annual dues: \$10

Air Force District of Washington becomes fully operational

The Air Force District of Washington, which reactivated provisionally in January, assumed full operational capability in a ceremony July 7.

AFDW was first established in 1985 in response to the post-Cold War reduction in forces as a way to streamline the country's transition into peacetime. It was inactivated in 1994.

Organizationally, AFDW will serve as the single Air Force voice in the national capital region for base-operating support, major command-level functions, ceremonial and musical requirements, contingencies and consequence management. Because of broader command responsibility, one combined staff will serve both AFDW and the 11th Wing, necessitating "dual-hatting" for some positions.

Discount airfare for military families

United Airlines is now offering reduced fares for active duty and reserve members of the Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force and National Guard. Servicemembers' spouses and dependent children are also eligible.

These special fares are not available at the United Airlines Web site. To purchase the special fares, servicemembers should contact United Reservations at 1-800-241-6522 and identify themselves as eligible for military fares.

All passengers eligible for these and other military fares must carry proper identification. Servicemembers can travel with these special fares all the way through January 31, 2006. For more information on Military Travel Specials visit www.military.com/Travel

Air Force Reserve seeks applicants for full-time duty

The Air Force Reserve is looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

In the past 15 years, the number of AGR slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

"We have opportunities in many specialties but a larger concentration in career fields such as security forces, combat rescue, intelligence, maintenance, space, pilot and personnel," said Maj. Dawn M. Sutor, deputy

director of the AGR Management Office in the Pentagon's Office of Air Force Reserve. "Currently, Air Force Reserve Command's hard-to-fill positions are in security forces, intelligence and combat rescue. We are actively seeking volunteers for these programs."

Reservists in the AGR program serve under the authority of Title 10 of the U.S. Code and receive most of the benefits afforded to the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20 years active federal military service.

The program offers tours of duty on the Air Staff; at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver; in AFRC units; and with other major commands.

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program is available on the AGR Management Office's restricted Web site at www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/agrhome2.html.

BRAC affects Air Force reservists in 22 states

If put into law, Air Force Reserve Command will close three installations and move people from a dozen locations to two dozen sites throughout the United States.

Although command officials anticipate keeping roughly the same troop level authorizations, AFRC will expand some existing missions such as air operations center, space, unmanned aerial vehicle and associate-unit flying. These and other changes are among those recommended by the Department of Defense to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

The BRAC process is simple, DOD officials said. The military services and joint cross-service groups develop closure and realignment recommendations. Military value is the primary consideration. Also, the law mandates that department officials use a 20-year force-structure plan in forming their recommendations. The services examine each base's "service-unique" function. For example, all services have warehouses. So a joint group analyzes warehouse functions for all the services.

Cross-service groups examined seven functional areas: educational and training, headquarters and support activities, industrial, intelligence, medical, supply and storage, and technical. The commission holds

hearings and examines the recommendations through September.

The commission sends an "all-or-nothing list" to the president, meaning the president can approve all of the closures and realignments on the list or disapprove the entire list. If he approves, the list goes to Congress where the House and Senate then have 45 "legislative days" to disapprove the list. If they do nothing, the list automatically is approved and has the "force and effect of law," officials said.

Recommended realignment changes may occur to reserve units at the following bases within Air Force Reserve Command:

- Barksdale AFB, La.
- Beale AFB, Calif.
- Buckley AFB, Colo.
- Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.
- Eglin AFB, Fla.
- General Mitchell International Airport
Air Reserve Station, Wis.
- Hill AFB, Utah
- Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.
- Lackland AFB, Texas
- Langley AFB, Va.
- Luke AFB, Ariz.
- MacDill Air Force Base
- March Air Reserve Base, Calif.
- Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- McChord AFB, Wash.
- Moody AFB, Ga.
- Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Carswell Air Reserve Station, Texas
- Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La.
- Nellis AFB, Nev.
- Niagara Falls International Airport
Air Reserve Station, N.Y.
- Offutt AFB, Neb.
- Peterson AFB, Colo.
- Pittsburgh International Airport
Air Reserve Station, Pa.
- Pope AFB/Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Portland International Airport, Ore.
- Randolph AFB, Texas
- Robins AFB, Ga.
- Schriever AFB, Colo.
- Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.
- Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
- Tinker AFB, Okla.
- Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- Whiteman AFB, Mo.
- Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, PA.
- Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio

Employer Appreciation Day slated for November

2005 EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, Nov. 19

Reservist's name, rank and unit:

Reservist's home address:

Reservist's daytime phone number:

Reservist's e-mail address:

Employer's name, title, phone number and email:

Employer's company/agency name and address:

Complimentary continental breakfast for reservist: YES ☐ NO ☐

Complimentary continental breakfast for employer: YES ☐ NO ☐

Please note: Reservists are invited to the continental breakfast. An opportunity to fly in a KC-135 will be offered to employers. Space is limited, so reservists will be given the chance to fly with their employer if space allows. Flights are not for family members or friends. The flight is pending approval by higher headquarters and is subject to cancellation for weather or operational reasons.

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Air Force reservists assigned to the 459th Air Refueling Wing will have the opportunity to invite their civilian employers to visit the wing and take an orientation flight aboard a KC-135 aircraft.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, and will begin with a light breakfast and welcome by the 459th ARW commander, Col. Stayce Harris.

Reservists should ask their employers to arrive at the Andrews Air Force Base Visitors Center at the main gate by 7:30 a.m.

Reservists and their employers are invited to a continental breakfast at the 756th Air Refueling Squadron, building 3613. The breakfast, which is free, will begin at 8 a.m. Employers will receive a briefing outlining the mission of the 459 ARW.

A KC-135 orientation flight will be scheduled for later that morning. Reservists will be given the chance to fly with their employer only if space allows.

After the flight, employers will be invited to tour their reservists' work area to see the details of their jobs as Citizen Airmen.

Each reservist will be allowed to bring just one supervisor. To make reservations, fill out the application on this page and return it to the Public Affairs office, located in building 3755, room 213, or fax it to (240) 857-3400.

Employers will receive further information with directions and an itinerary in the mail prior to the Employer Day.

For questions or further information, contact 1st Lt. Tim Smith or Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell at (240) 857-6873.

Patriot Award

If you would like to nominate your civilian employer for the Patriot Award for supporting your military career, go to www.esgr.org. After entering the Employer Support for Guard and Reserve Web site, reservists may select the link for 'military members' and then under 'programs' select, 'Patriot Award.' The form takes only a few minutes. The requestor should receive their employer's certificate within a few weeks.

459th Reunion set for October

Who: All those affiliated with the 459th, past and present, are encouraged to attend
What: An evening of dining, special entertainment, dancing and lots of camaraderie
Guest Speaker: Lt. Gen. Jimmy Sherrard, Retired Former AFRC Commander
Where: Andrews Community Activities Center Ballroom, Bldg 1442, Andrews AFB
When: Saturday 22 October, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Entrée Menu Choices: Feast of London Broil or Roasted Chicken

To Purchase your ticket(s):
 Make check or money order out to: 459th 2005 Reunion
 Mail payment to: 459th 2005 Reunion
 % Beth Bruker Walos
 1209 Harmony Heights Drive
 Harmony, Pa 16037

Last/First Name _____
 Rank/Title _____
 Guest(s) Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____
 Home _____
 Work _____
 Cell _____

Your dinner entrée selection: Number of London Broil Entrees _____

Number of Roasted Chicken Entrees _____

Event POCs: Beth.BrukerWalos@Youngstown.af.mil or after 5 p.m. EST, call (724) 453-1313
 Miserablemiller@bellsouth.net Home phone: (321) 799-3903 Cell phone: (321) 795-6407

First Sergeant Vacancy

The First Sergeant position is available in 459 SFS. If interested, submit a resume reflecting your military and civilian work history, awards, and education. Also include a letter of recommendation from your squadron commander and a letter explaining why you're interested in becoming a first sergeant. Please submit packages to Chief Master Sgt. Patti Hickman, 459 ARW Command Chief by close of business, Sept. 25. The board is projected to convene during the October UTA. For questions, call Chief Hickman at (240) 857-2934.

Free DANTES and CLEP Exams

The 459 ARW Education and Training Office is offering paper-based CLEP and DANTES testing. All 459 ARW military, civilian employees and military spouses are eligible to test. (ID is mandatory for military and a 2nd ID is required for a civilian.) Tests are held every Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Veterans Appreciation Day

The Department of Maryland will sponsor a Veterans Appreciation Day, Sept. 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at District 17, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, at Free State VFW Post 8950, 9800 Good Luck Road, Lanham-Seabrook, MD 20706-3350. If you are a military veteran, come join other veterans in recognizing those who have served and are serving this nation. Although the aim is for the "combat" veteran, all veterans are welcome to participate and be introduced to the oldest combat service organization in America. Refreshments will be served.

Retirements at Base Theater Back On!

Retirements will continue to be recognized at the wing commander's call with the next one being held at the base theater in September, said Col. Stayce Harris, 459 ARW commander. You may elect to have yours at the squadron, flight or group level if you do not wish to have one at the base theater. Please contact Public Affairs at (240) 857-6873 if you want to be included in the September commander's call retirement ceremony.

Deep Creek Lake

Art and Wine Festival
Sept. 9-11

Contact Garrett County Chamber of Commerce at 1-888-387-5237 or visit their Web site at garrettchamber.com

Visit www.deepcreeklake.org for more information, accomodation packages and tickets.

PAY DAYS

Run Date	Check Date
August 16	August 24
August 18	August 26
August 22	August 30
August 24	September 1
August 30	September 7
September 1	September 9
September 6	September 15
September 8	September 16

Military Pay Hours of Operation

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 UTA Sat., 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Closed UTA Sun.
 Office: (240) 857-0314/0315
Easy Pay Access: 1-800-755-7413

FY 2005 UTA SCHEDULE

Aug. 27-28, Alt 13-14
 Sep 24-25, *Alt 10-11

FY 2006 UTA SCHEDULE

Oct. 22-23, Alt 15-16
 Nov. 19-20, Alt 5-6
 Dec. 17-18, Alt 3-4
 Jan. 28-29, Alt 7-8
 Feb. 25-26, Alt 11-12
 March 25-25, Alt 11-12
 April 29-30, Alt 15-16
 May: Combined in June, Alt 13-14
 June 8-11, Alt 17-18
 July 29-30, Alt 15-16
 Aug. 26-27, Alt 12-13
 Sep 23-24, Alt 9-10

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

The following nine current and former members of the 459 ARW were awarded the Air Medal by the Commander, United States Central Command Air Forces, for sustained flight in the C-141C Starlifter. These professional airmen flew combat missions in and over Iraq and Afghanistan supporting Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM.



Air Medal

Col. Michael Branham
Maj. Robert Blake
Maj. Steven Milligan
Maj. Nathaniel Ward
Capt. Kevin Klein
MSgt. Glen Baird
Master Sgt. Frank Gilliard
Master Sgt. Erica Macias
Master Sgt. Shawn Baldy

The following 75 current and former members of the 459 ARW were awarded the Aerial Achievement Medal by the Commander, United States Central Command Air Forces, for sustained flight in the C-141C Starlifter. These professional airmen flew combat support missions in and over the entire Southwest Asia AOR supporting Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. Some earned their basic medal while others earned more than one for their continuing support of the operations.



Aerial Achievement Medal

Maj. Todd Adams (First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Maj. Kirk Chestnut (Basic)
Tech. Sgt. Robert Aguilar (First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Capt. Philip Chestnut (Basic)
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Alexander (First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Master Sgt. Gordon Christensen (Basic)
Maj. Joseph Alto (Basic)	Capt. Scott Clark (Basic, First and Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
Master Sgt. Glen Baird (Basic)	Staff Sgt. Kenneth Clonts (Basic)
Master Sgt. Shawn Baldy (Basic)	Tech. Sgt. Willie Cooper (Basic)
Lt. Col. Brian Bannach (First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Master Sgt. Shawn Cunningham (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Senior Master Sgt. Peter Baretta (Basic)	Tech. Sgt. Lee Dachman (Basic)
Tech. Sgt. Patricia Bellistri (Basic)	Tech. Sgt. Eric R. Darago (Basic and First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Master Sgt. William Bergmann (First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Maj. Lewis Deitch (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Maj. Robert Blake (First and Second Oak Leaf Cluster)	Lt. Col. Jeffery Deiters (First and Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
Staff Sgt. Daniel Bonilla (Basic)	Tech. Sgt. James Doyle (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Senior Airman Kimberly Boyles (Basic)	Tech. Sgt. Vincent Dunmeyer (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bradley (First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Maj. Christopher Ernandes (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Maj. Stephen Browning (Basic and First Oak Leaf Cluster)	Maj. Perry Eskau (Basic)
Tech. Sgt. Harvey Campbell (Basic)	2nd Lt. Leroy Finch (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Master Sgt. Steven Cannes (Basic)	Tech. Sgt. Christopher Galbraith (Basic and First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Master Sgt. Rodney Gantt (Basic)
	MSgt. Frank Gilliard (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Maj. David Guider (Second and Third Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Master Sgt. Earle Hand (Basic)
	Master Sgt. Rolf Hartmann (Basic)
	Master Sgt. Darryl Hines (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Maj. Andrew Hutcherson (Basic)
	Maj. Stanley Jaicks (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Maj. Eric Jenkins (Basic)
	Master Sgt. John Kaffka (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Capt. Jennifer King (Basic and First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Capt. Kevin Klein (Basic)
	Tech. Sgt. Karim Kronfli (Basic)
	Maj. John Larson (Basic)
	Tech. Sgt. Karen Letourneau (Basic and First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Lt. Col. Thomas Lohr (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Master Sgt. Erika Macias (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Capt. Todd Maloney (Basic)
	Tech. Sgt. Donald Marshall (Basic)
	Capt. Robert McGrath (Basic)
	Master Sgt. Rodney Meyer (Basic)
	Maj. David Miles (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Maj. Stephen Milligan (Basic)
	Maj. Michael Mudd (Basic)
	Tech. Sgt. Joshua Roland (Basic)
	Lt. Col. Theodore Rothschild (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Lt. Col. John Roush (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Maj. Jerome Selig (Fifth Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Chief Master Sgt. Marc Skurow (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Senior Master Sgt. William Sneed (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	2nd Lt. Alberto Soto (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Lt. Col. Patrick Stamper (Basic)
	Senior Master Sgt. John Teehan (Basic)
	Tech. Sgt. Quentin Traynham (Basic)
	Maj. Nathaniel Ward (Basic and First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Senior Master Sgt. Paul Westbrook (Basic)
	Staff Sgt. Derek White (Basic)
	Tech. Sgt. Julius Williams (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
	Maj. James B. Wilmer (Basic)
	Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Windsor (Basic)
	Senior Master Sgt. David Young (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Promotions

Effective July 1, 2005



Chief Master Sgt. Boyd Clendenen
Chief Master Sgt. Dilatyra Scott
Senior Master Sgt. Viola Jones
Senior Master Sgt. Frederick McElligott
Senior Master Sgt. Cecil Tims
Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Spratt
Master Sgt. Warren Allen
Master Sgt. Robert Douglass III
Master Sgt. Michelle Hall
Master Sgt. Tiffany Hayatt
Master Sgt. Cornelius Williams
Tech. Sgt. Timothy Boykin
Tech. Sgt. Larenda Newtonking
Tech. Sgt. Wendell Phillips
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Smith
Tech. Sgt. Marcus Walker
Staff Sgt. Nicole Baird
Staff Sgt. Tequela Bulow



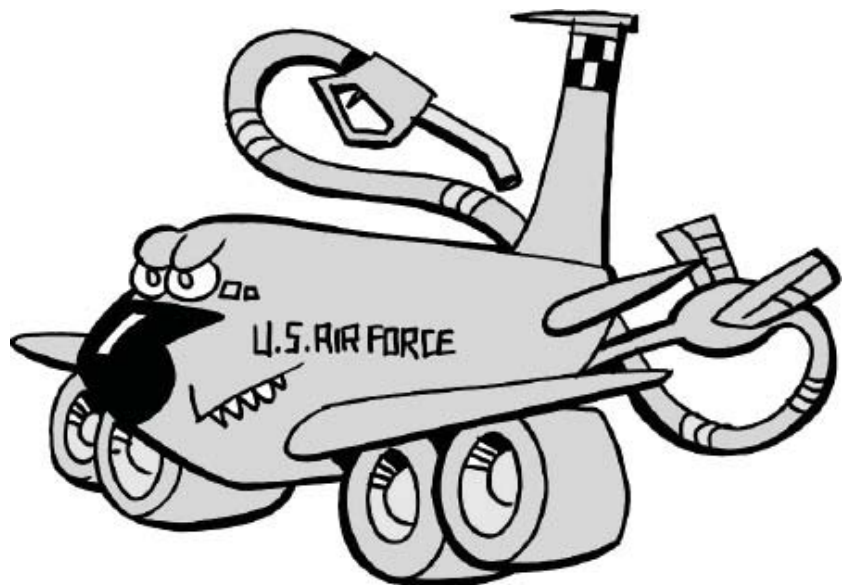
Staff Sgt. Tamar Gadsden
Staff Sgt. Armando Galarza
Staff Sgt. Ronaldo Sanjur
Staff Sgt. Sherri Smtih
Staff SSgt. David True
Staff Sgt. James Roe
Senior Airman Timothy Ashley
Senior Airman Aaron Garrison
Senior Airman De Mendoza Gonzalez
Senior Airman Stephaney Green
Senior Airman Michael Hardin
Senior Airman Nadia Lockhart
Senior Airman Daniel McEvily
Senior Airman Janel Childress
Senior Airman Latrece Cowell
Senior Airman Melissa Gomez
Airman First Class Tina Ashley
Airman First Class Kevin Doran

Retirements

Senior Master Sgt. Rowlen Wilson
Master Sgt. Daniel Jens
Master Sgt. James Delawder
Master Sgt. Dominic Acol
Tech. Sgt. Clement Jackson
Tech. Sgt. Mark Alexander
Tech. Sgt. James Butler
Tech. Sgt. Steven Gregorie
Tech. Sgt. Larry Brown

Fuel to the Fight . . .

Any time!
Anywhere!



M-16 bolts get replaced



(Top left) Tech. Sgt. Bobby Robinson, 459th CES, removes the bolt in the M-16. (Top right) Maj. Dennis Thornton, 756 ARS, replaces the firing pin in the bolt cartridge. (Bottom left) Tech. Sgt. Jacqueline Gardner, 756th ARS, removes the firing pin from the bolt cartridge. (Bottom right) Senior Airman Jason Andrepont, 459th MSF, replaces the holding pin to the stem of the M-16.



Photos by Master Sgt. Shayne Sewell



The Boomer is published for family members like Army specialist Donnie Layton, 19, who is currently stationed in Iraq as a light vehicle mechanic. Here he sits on a gold throne of Saddam Hussein's with a gold AK47. He is the son of Master Sgt. Dennis Pryor, 459th OG, and wife, Lisa Pryor. (Courtesy photo)

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